

World of Stamps:

Landlocked States of Columbia: Cundinamarca

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Cundinamarca

The Federal State of Cundinamarca (Estado Federal de Cundinamarca), which included the provinces of Mariquita, Bogotá and Neiva was also created June 15, 1857. Its capital was Bogotá, and although Bogotá is now a separate capital territory, it still also is the capital of the department of Cundinamarca, created August 5, 1886.

Cundinamarca issued its first two stamps in 1870, both featuring the departmental arms. Between 1877 and 1888 four similar stamps were issued.

In 1883 simple typeset stamps were issued but new stamps showing the departmen-



Map of Colombia showing Landlocked Cundinamarca in red



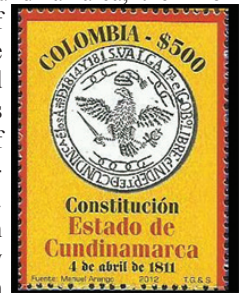
1904 50c, Sc. 33

The stamps of Cundinamarca till 1892 were inscribed State of Cundinamarca, then from 1884 United States of Colombia and State of Cundinamarca, and the 1904 series was inscribed Republic of Colombia and Department of Cundinamarca.

Some Colombian stamps have themes or motifs associated with Cundinamarca.

Cundinamarca declared its independence as the State of Cundinamarca in 1811 and a 2012 stamp series celebrated this, and other Colombian states' short-lived independence attempts in 1811.

A 2013 minisheet presented the department of Cundinamarca on 12 stamps and celebrated also the bicentennial of its final 1813 independence,



Colombia Sc. 1391b, Cundinamarca



Cundinamarca 1870, Sc. 1-2

1882, Sc. 7

tal arms were issued 1884 (one stamp) and 1886 (five different).

The last Cundinamarca stamps were a series of ten stamps issued 1904 and again featuring the departmental arms. They were is-



1884 tete-beche pair, Sc. 11a



Cundinamarca 1883, Sc. 15

sued with perforation 10 and imperforate, and a few values were also issued with perforation 10-1/2 and 10-1/2 x 11-1/2. This issue also



1886, Sc. 20

included a special stamp for registration fee.



Cundinamarca 1904 Registration stamp, Sc. F2



Colombia 2013 Department of Cundinamarca, Sc. 1393



A great tourist attraction is the impressive Tequendama Falls, depicted on a 1937 stamp (left, Sc. 444), again on two 1945 air post stamps (right, Sc. C138), and on a 1948



stamp in the same design as the 1937 stamp.

In 1944, the 75th anniversary of the Benevolent Association of Cundinamarca was celebrated with five stamps and a souvenir sheet.



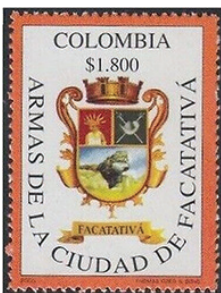
Colombia C 1944 Benevolent Association of Cundinamarca ss Sc. 513

In 1956, a salt mine chapel was Cundinamarca's contribution to a series presenting the departments of Colombia.

A bridge in Chia was depicted on a 1991 stamp and in 2005 the city arms of Facatativa appeared on a stamp. The 450th anniversary of a city named Madrid was celebrated on a stamp. In 2022, a single stamp celebrated the 160th anniversary of the city of Misquera.



Colombia, 1956
Cundinamarca salt
mine chapel, Sc. 653



Colombia 2005 city
arms of Facatativa,
Sc. 1253



Colombia 2022
Misquera 160 yrs



1991 Chia Community
Bridge Sc. 1037



2009 city of Madrid 450
years, Sc. 1322



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